THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR.) SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal to set up a Nickel extraction plant in Orissa. However, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed a process to extract Nickel metal from Chromite overburden accumulated as waste after extraction of Chromite ore. In Orissa, a Pilot Plant with the capacity to treat up to 10 tonnes of chrome overburden per day is being set up at the Regional Research Laboratory at Bhubaneswar at a capital cost of Rs. 10 crore following signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Hindustan Zinc Limited and CSIR.This pilot plant has recently been commissioned. The techno-economic viability of Nickel extraction from the Committee overburden waste can be assessed after operation of the Pilot Plant for two years when sufficient data has been generated.

World Bank Loan for Coal Projects

5570. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan/aid given by World Bank to various coal companies during the last three years;

(b) the various projects for which these coal companies have availed the World Bank loan;

(c) to what extent the loan has been utilized so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR.(SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The total amount of loan sanctioned by the World Bank with co-financing from Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC) for Coal Sector Rehabilitation Project (CSRP) to Coal India Limited is US $ 1030 million during the last three years.

(b) Coal Sector Rehabilitation Project (CSRP) covers 24 sub-projects under 5 subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) as shown in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) The total utilization of the World Bank/JBIC loan for Coal Sector Rehabilitation Project (CSRP) till 31.03.2000 is equivalent of US$ 421.85 million. The year-wise details of utilization of the loan" are as under:

(Amount in US$ million)

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Total
Nil	87.71	334.14	421.85

Statement

S.No.	Name of the sub-projects
	Central Coalfields Ltd(CCL)
1.	Parej East OCP
2.	K.D. Hesalong OCP
3.	Rajrappa OCP
	South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.(SECL)
4.	Dipika
5.	Dhanpuri OCP
6	Kusmunda OCP
7.	Marukpur OCP
8.	Gevra OCP
	Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL)
9.	Nighai OCP
10.	Dudhichua OCP
11.	Jayant OCP
12.	Jhingurda OCP
13.	Bina OCP
	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)
14.	Lakhanpur OCP
15.	Samleshwari OCP
16.	Ananta OCP
17.	Bharatput OCP
18.	Balapahar OCP
!9.	Jagannath OCP
	Western Coalfields Limited (WCL)
20.	Niljai OCP
21.	Sasti OCP
22.	Umrer OCP
23.	Durgapur OCP
24.	Padampur OCP